up in Calcutta, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c). At present manufacturers in the country are not engaged in the development of new lines of plant and machinery for the industry mainly due to non-availability of Basic research & development facilities, prototype development and scale up facilities, product testing and marketing facilities.

(d) and (e). Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated a scheme for setting up one Food Engineering Centre at CFTRI Mysore during the 8th Plan to cater to the need of Food Processing Industry for the development of Food Processing machinery and Research & Development facilities with total financial outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores.

(f) No, Sir, only one Centre is proposed to be set up at CFTRI Mysore using the existing available infrastructure and expertise.

Expenditure on Advertisement by D.A.V.P.

4147. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) expenditure on advertisement by DAVP language-wise during 1991-92;

(b) the number of papers, big, medium and small, which received advertisement from the DAVP during the year, language-wise; and

(c) the criteria for the classification for newspapers for application of different rates and the present schedule of rates?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Classification of newspapers for application of rates is based on cost, related to circulation with in-built weightage to small and medium newspapers.

The present rate ranges from Rs. 8.70 to Rs. 31.50 for newspapers having circulation figures upto 50,000 copies with additional 46.2 paise per thousand copies above 50,000 copies.

Exploration of Bauxite and Iron Ore in Kerala

4148. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey for locating Bauxite in Alleppey and Ernakulam districts and also iron ore in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHR BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary mineral survey by Geological Survey of India (GSI) have not revealed any bauxite occurrence of economic singificance in Alleppey and Ernakulam districts of Kerala.

A total of 102.528 million tonnes of iron ore containing 31.5 to 41.2% iron have been estimated by G.S.I. in Eleyettimala, Alampara, Nanminda, Naduvallur, Cherruppa and

East and West Hill Bands of Kozhikode and Korattimala of Malappuram district.

(c) Does not arise.

Ratnagiri Airport

4149. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Ratnagiri Airport has been completed; and

(b) if so, when the air-services are likely to be started therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The airport at Ratnagiri belongs to the State Government. The National Airports Authority has no plans to take up any work there.

(b) Vayudoot has no immediate plans to restore operations to Ratnagiri.

[*Translation*]

Change in Doordarshan Programmes

4150. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether programme schedule of the Doordarshan is changed frequently;

(b) if so, the number of programmes changed during the last three months;

(c) the reasons for change for each programme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such changes in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). No, Sir. According to Doordarshan, only 5% of the programmes are changed at the last minute due to programme exigencies and unavoidable reasons.

(d) It is the endeavour of Doordarshan to adhere to the announced schedule of programmes.

[*English*]

Joint Venture of ABB & NTPC

4151. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
SHRI S.B. THORAT:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint venture is proposed to be set up between the Swedish multinatioanl electrical equipment manufacturers, ABB and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any protest has been re-